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OTISCO ITEMS

M. and Mrs. John Reeves and two children of Orleans visited Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Reeves. Callers at the Reeves home in the afternoon were F. J. Reeves and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Reeves and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abbott of Howards City.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Terry and children of Easton brought Archie Swears home Saturday night. They all visited over Sunday at the Swears home. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hall went to Lansing Friday to visit their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Orris Phinney and from there to Owosso to visit Mr. Hall's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abbott of Howards City came Saturday night and visited until Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Reeves. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Storey and son, Chas., of McBride, spent Wednesday night with his brother, B. J. Storey. On Thursday, Ms. B. J. Storey went with them to Grand Rapids. They returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Wright and two children of Orleans visited Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hill. Mrs. Frank Abbott of Saranac and son, Milo Abbott of Camp Custer visited Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Reeves. Mr. Abbott expects soon to go to Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Morse and Van Morse, of Ionia, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Morse of Belmont, Ia., visited Thursday with Mrs. Emily Morse and sons, J. L. and Rufus Morse and wives and Friday visited at Burr Davis' near Moseley. Mr. and Mrs. Willard Morse remained for a longer visit with the Morse's. On Monday they all visited at W. C. Fisk's.

Mrs. Rala Rising was near Saranac visiting Saturday night and Sunday at Mr. Rising's, also to meet her husband who was home from Camp Custer Saturday night returning Sunday night to camp.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Earle and Mrs. Jennie Noble went to Spencer Wednesday night and Thursday morning J. M. Earle, Mrs. Jennie Noble and Jas. Buttolph went to Mattawan to visit the latter's daughter and husband.

band, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Moyle. Mrs. Earle visited Mrs. Buttolph. They returned home Saturday night. Miss Emma Donner left Wednesday on her return to California after an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Donner.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Ross were callers Friday afternoon of their niece, Mrs. Geo. Wiley of Orleans also her sister, Mrs. L. C. Devendorf.

Mrs. Caddie White and mother, Mrs. Fisk spent Thursday with Mrs. Lawrence Gephart and Mrs. Geo. Brown. Mrs. Lottie Windsor of Pittsburg is visiting her friend, Mrs. L. J. Kimbly.

MURRAY LAKE

John Andrews, Jr., spent Wednesday in Grand Rapids. Byron Frost has sold his interest in the Brown & Frost warehouse and has gone to Detroit to work.

Miss Elsie Salsgibe, John Andrews and daughter, Helen and Mrs. Will Engle were in Grand Rapids Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bachelor and children spent Sunday with H. D. Weeks and wife.

The remains of Chas. Kropf, a brother of Chris and Fred Kropf, who died at Kalamazoo were brought to Chris Kropf's home Sunday and the funeral held at the Alton church on Monday.

Melville McPherson called on Moseley friends Saturday in the interest of the Liberty loan campaign.

Liberty club met with Peter Peterson and wife Thursday evening. Martin Davis is attending the soldiers' training school in Grand Rapids.

Will Miller visited Hosmer Andrews Sunday afternoon.

RIVER RIDGE

Mrs. Wm. Antcliff spent Saturday evening with her sister, Ms. Walter Simmons.

Mr. and Mrs. Antcliff and Blanche and Mary Wacha, Mr. and Mrs. S. Nichols were Saturday callers at F. Bush's.

Mrs. A. Rowley and Mrs. Fred M. Nitt were Thursday guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Wm. Antcliff.

Mrs. Floyd Bush called on Mrs. J. M. Farrar Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Koller were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Farrar.

Roy Storkie and James Farrar were in this vicinity hunting ducks one night last week.

The dance at Floyd Bush's Friday night was well attending and all enjoyed a good time.

Mrs. Summers is moving to his place in Belding.

Wm. Thompson is on the sick list. Mrs. John Moore spent one day last week with Mrs. M. L. Bidwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Christler are making preparations to move in the house owned by August Bakeman.

Lewis Russell was in Greenville Saturday.

Wm. Wright worked at his farm at Kidd Tuesday.

Albert Rich is threshing in this vicinity.

James Farrar and wife spent Sunday in River Ridge with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Antcliff.

Lyle Chatterdorn called on Mr. Bush Saturday afternoon.

OAKFIELD

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hansen received word Thursday morning that their son, Victor Hansen, was seriously ill at Philadelphia with pneumonia, following an attack of Spanish influenza and on Thursday evening they received a telegram telling them that he was dead. His body was brought home Monday morning and services were conducted by Rev. H. S. Ellis at the Oakfield chapel, following a brief prayer service at the house. Burial was in Oakfield cemetery beside a younger sister.

Mr. Hanson was a sailor on the 22nd of last April. He was 25 years of age and is survived by his parents, a brother, Willie, now in France, another brother, Elmer, at home and a sister, Mrs. Herman Nielsen of Spar-ta, unable to attend on account of sickness. Many floral pieces, a large service flag of red and white flowers with a golden rod star in the center from the neighbors, a floral Naval emblem which came with the body and a sickle from the Gleaners to which order the young man belonged.

Young Hansen had a \$1,000 Gleaner policy and a \$10,000 government policy which goes to his mother. He died that we might live.

Mrs. Byron Moore, Mrs. Carey Bradish and Mrs. Harry Conant drove to Oakfield Monday afternoon to attend the funeral of Victor Hansen.

Mrs. M. E. Stultz and daughter, Hazel, returned to Belding from a three days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Tpm Boven of Holland, Mrs. Stultz's daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hansen have the deepest sympathy of their many friends and neighbors in their sad bereavement.

SMOKY ROW

Lewis Seeley and family and Miss Nellie Seeley visited in Lakeview and Newaygo Saturday.

A large number was at Camp Custer Saturday, among them were Ernest Benton and wife, and Mrs. O. Nummer, Ed. Hotchkiss and wife, George Chickering and wife and Roswell Chickering and family.

Henry Skellenger and wife visited at Wm. Sparks' Sunday. The Social Band met at the home of Sylvester Chickering Sept. 24, 20 being present. A most excellent dinner was served at noon. The next meeting will be held at Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnston's Oct. 16.

Miss Bessie Brown visited at Anthony Breimeyer's Sunday. Ed. Choate and Bert Choate visited Eli Witt Sunday.

BARTONVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Norton and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Lee visited Ionia relatives last Thursday.

John Kohn motored to Fenwick Friday to spend a few days helping his brother with fall work.

Royal Davis left Sunday evening for Grand Rapids where he will enter a training school.

Glenn Lee and family were Sunday guests at E. W. Condon's in Smyrna. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Geiger were in Ionia on business last Saturday.

Glenn Bakeman of Belding spent Saturday and Sunday at Glenn Lee's.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Day and daughter motored to Grand Rapids Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis were in Grand Rapids Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Day of Belding and their daughter and family of Grand Rapids were guests of Clyde Day and wife over Sunday.

KEENE

A. Spak spent Sunday at home. James Hopkins was in Belding on Saturday.

Harvest Festival dance, Hale's orchestra, Oct. 11, Hubbell hall. Nuff sed.

Carrie Scott has been sewing for her aunt, Mrs. M. D. Hull.

Ed. Ryan of Flint has been spending a few days with her sister and nieces, Mrs. M. D. Hull and Mrs. Sparks and Mrs. Sadie Hopkins.

Mrs. Ed. Ryan returned to Flint on Saturday accompanied by Mrs. Floyd Sparks and two children who will visit her a few days.

Mrs. Walter Higgins called on Mrs. Hopkins.

Mrs. W. Higgins and Alvah Dodds were in Saranac Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Alva Dodds have gone to Portland to visit his brother, Harvey Dodds.

After growling because army supplies aren't going over faster, some people kick because of the sugar shortage which is caused by taking ships to carry army material in.

SMYRNA

The autumn days are here again. The leaves are falling down; Dams Nature has her children decked in crimson, gold and brown.

The potato harvest is here and farmers are busy gathering in the spuds. The Maccabees will hold their regular meeting Saturday night of this week.

Will Cowles, one of the threshermen says beans are not a very prolific crop this year, eight or ten bushels per acre being the average yield.

Master Arlo Tubbel picked up potatoes for Fred Spencer over on Smyrna Row Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Mehney of Cook's Corners were Sunday guests of their son, Herbert Mehney and wife. The birds in flocks are gathering. Their farewell songs to sing; With twitter here, and cheer-up there, They make the woodlands ring.

Mrs. Alfred Davis visited with relatives in Belding Thursday.

Mrs. Hattie Moe is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wankaw in Greenville.

Word has been received here that Miss Jessie Whitmore of Ogden City, Utah, a former teacher here was united in marriage to Mr. Leo Squires of that place Wednesday, Sept. 18. The many friends of Mrs. Squires wish her a lifetime of joy.

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Mrs. Van Harlingen, who with her daughter was here during the summer will return to her home in Chicago this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Morse of Ionia and Willard Morse and wife of Belmont, Iowa, visited with John Purdy and wife Thursday.

Mrs. Stella Osborn called on Mrs. Mary Aubill near Belding Thursday.

Lester Beebe was home from Belding Sunday.

Mrs. Marvin Nash who has been in Battle Creek the past summer, is here for a few weeks visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Insley.

Mrs. C. Johnston and daughters, Marian, Lucille and Ina of Smoky Row called on Mrs. E. W. Condon Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Purdy of Belding visited their mother, Mrs. Helen Purdy, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Cowles received a letter from George Frost last week. You all know George and also know that his happy home is down in Florida now. You will also remember how he loved to go fishing when he lived here. Well, it is our honest opinion that George does nothing but go fishing and eat watermelons now. In his letter he stated that he had been out on a half day fishing trip and caught 23 fish that altogether weighed 153 pounds. But then he was not bragging about it for he said one of his neighbors was out to the same place in the afternoon and caught 240 pounds of the same kind of fish. The many friends of J. Frost family will be pleased to know that their father, Jesse Frost, is improving in health. He has been poorly for some time.

Miss Nella Tebbel visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hazen in Lowell Wednesday.

Sunday morning dawned fair and gave promise of being a good day Saturday, so a number of Smyrna people went visiting regardless of the fact that they expected a call from "ye scribe". Well, we hope they were out in the rain or the way home. We were.

Saturday, after helping his neighbor with the threshing, Ona Byrne cranked up his Ford preparatory to going home, and then happened to think that he wanted to smoke his pipe on the way. He had the pipe all right but, lo and behold, matches and tobacco were minus, but fortunately one of the other men was supplied, so Ona got out of his car, lighted up a pipe and stopped to chat a few moments with the men, but that Ford didn't approve of such neglect so all at once it started to go and being headed for a board fence it went on straight through, then turned and started up grade but a small boy with nimble feet caught the runaway and brought it to a stop. We always heard that a Ford could go anywhere and now we believe the statement.

Earl Peters of Grand Rapids visited over Sunday with Ed. Insley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Forman, former residents here, have gone to the Soldiers' home in Grand Rapids for the winter. Mrs. Forman is in very poor health.

Glenn Bateman of Belding and Glenn Lee and family of Bartonville were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Condon.

The squirrels scamper 'mong the trees To store their winter food, And sort the nuts with patient care The bad ones from the good.

Mrs. Ed. Insley, Mrs. A. Barry, Mrs. Marvin Nash and Mrs. Henry Harris motored to Sunfield Friday and visited with George Bitterman and wife.

Mrs. Barry and Mrs. Nash remained for a longer visit. While in that locality Mrs. Insley and Mrs. Harris met Luther Hornbrook, a former Smyrna resident, who was there working for a lumber company.

Mr. and Mrs. John Purdy and Guy Purdy motored over to Moseley Friday and visited with R. B. Davis and family.

Mrs. Bela Cowles went to Grand Rapids Saturday to meet her soldier brother, Paul Krantz. He came home with her to visit until Monday.

"Uncle Bill" Gardner's health is quite poor and that his lameness makes it difficult for him to get about.

Friday night as Joe Metternick of Potter's Corners in Keene, was returning from work, his wife called to him that the barn chow was finished and after putting his team in the stable he went to the house, tired after the days labor. Along about 9 o'clock he looked out toward the barn to see that things there were right for the night, and was horrified to discover his granary in flames and past saving. A hot rain, wheat, oats and everything going up in smoke. Many valuable bushels consumed in short order and mystery as to the origin of the fire. The next morning, however, a fuse wapped in paper, was found and also a new grain sack. There was no name on the sack, but it all helped to solve the mystery of the fire. Now for a Sherlock Holmes.

Now when you read the poetry, Ere you fall in a fit, Just think up all the news you can, And help the scribe a bit.

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KEENE HEIGHTS

Mrs. Orville Vanderlip is entertaining her grandmother, Mrs. Rhoda Dean of McCord.

Mrs. Juliette Sayles, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bowen of Kalamazoo and Gail Bowen of Saranac were dinner guests of Mrs. Welthe Bowen Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Denny called at Ralph Bigley's Saturday, having been to Saranac to have the doctor dress a finger, having taken the end of it off in the corn binder.

Mrs. A. E. Denny and Lyle took supper at R. S. Bigley's Friday night.

M. Maternock's granary and straw stack burned Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Heather drove to Belding Friday afternoon to see a niece, Miss Clara Rivenberg, who is very ill.

Earl Jepson is under the doctor's care with a case of blood poison in his ankle the result of a cut with a corn cutter.

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The trouble with the hunting season this year is that the hunters can't bag any guides, the latter being all drafted.

Words From Home

Statements That May Be Investigated—Testimony of Belding Citizens.

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